GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3296
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DEATH OF ELEPHANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of elephants have been killed recently near railway track of Digboi in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) 7 elephants (4 adult cows, 1 sub-adult cow and 2 male calves) were killed when a herd of elephants was run over by a passenger train on the evening of 15th November, 2001 on Bogapani- Digboi sector in Tinsukhia district. The elephants had come from Lakhipata forests and were crossing the railway line when they were hit by the train.

(c) The Railway Authorities have been requested to regulate the speed and timing of trains in the accident- prone areas as well as to take steps for increasing the visibility for train drivers along the railway tracks. The Chief Wildlife Warden of Assam has been requested to keep close liaison with the Railway Authorities.